

Cooperative Societies. however, Industrial licence issued to such a cooperative cannot be transferred to any other entity.

(vii) All applications for expansion of the existing factories will be cleared automatically.

(viii) Applications for grant of Industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA) in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi in Form IL, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/- The applications received for grant of licences would be referred by SIA to the Department of Food and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their comments. If no comments are received from either Department of Food or the concerned State Governments/UTs within one month after their comments are asked for, it shall be deemed that they have no comments to offer. The Licensing Committee would thereafter consider the application for industrial licence and make appropriate recommendations.

B. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance

(ASHOK KUMAR)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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[Translation]

Hospitals for Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2025. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether hospital buildings have been constructed by spending crores of rupees in Bhopal in the aftermath of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy which are not being used;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have prepared any scheme for the utilisation of the vacant hospital buildings ; and

(d) if so, the outlines of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) As part of the Action Plan for relief and rehabilitation of the gas victims at Bhopal, about Rs. 100 crores have been spent for setting up hospitals. Seventy five percent of this amount has been provided by the Central Government to the Government of Madhya Pradesh as grant. Some of these hospitals are already functioning and the State Government has prepared a plan to provide the necessary equipment in the vacant hospitals to make them also functional.

[English]

Supply of Milk Products

2026. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Co-op Marketing Federation Limited, Anand, is neither making available its products directly to the Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd.) New Delhi nor appointing any dealers to supply its items ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited is a Cooperative Society registered under the Cooperative Societies Act. The Federation has full autonomy in its day to day management and affairs and Government of India has no role to play in its day to day functioning and its sale and marketing policy or strategy. It is entirely upto the Federation to appoint its dealers and/or traders for its products depending upon the market requirements. At present Kendriya Bhandar (Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Societies Ltd.) is buying the Dhara range of edible oils from Gujarat cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF). Anand. Kendriya Bhandar had requested GCMMF to supply Anand Dairy Products on credit which was regretted by GCMMF as it is the organization's policy not to extend credit.

Pooyamkutty Hydel Power Project

2027. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a expert study team has visited Pooya mukutty Hydro-Electric Project in Kerala for re-examining the possibility to give clearance to the project ;

(b) if so, the findings of the expert study group ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry for indepth analysis of Pooyamkutty Hydro-Electric Project has, in its interim report, recommended carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment and Social Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Project.

(c) The State Government of Kerala has been asked to get the said studies done immediately.

Formation of Reorganisation Commission

2028. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are receiving representations in various forms from different quarters regarding the necessity of the formation of another State Reorganisation Commission;

(b) whether considering the growing restlessness amongst backward and depressed regions, the Government propose to take any steps in this direction;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government's policy is to advance the principles of political, administrative and economic federalism as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to the hitherto under developed regions of the country wherefrom the demands for Statehood are emanating.

[Translation]

Mother Dairy Booths

2029. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Mother Dairy Vegetable Booths in and around Delhi ; and

(b) the criteria adopted for allotment of Vegetable Booths and selection of location for these booths ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) At present there are 226 Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Booths in operation in and around Delhi.

(b) The concessionaries who manage the booths enter into yearly renewable commercial agreement with the Project. The concessionaires are selected generally from among ex-service men/their dependents whose names are recommended by the Directorate General of Resettlement.

Selection of sites for fruit and vegetable booths is made keeping in view of sale potential availability of suitable space and other facilities for construction/operation of such booths. Construction of booths is taken up after the proposed sites are approved by the concerned authorities.

[English]

Veterinary Science College

2030. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for infrastructure development of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science was received ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for this purpose during the current financial year and likely to be allocated during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the target fixed for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Subsidy/Loan to Pre-Cooling and Cold Storage Projects

2031. SHRI LINGARAJ VALYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have proposed subsidy/loan to the pre-cooling and cold storage projects in the country ; and

(b) if so, the total fund provided for these projects during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been providing financial assistance to State Governments for establishment of pre-cooling and cold storage projects by cooperatives for storage of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). As per the latest norms, 50% of the block cost is provided as share capital and 40% as loan. For the weaker sections 75% is given as loan and 17.5% as subsidy. In the under developed States 75% is given as loan and 20% as subsidy. The balance amount is to be met by the beneficiaries themselves.